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OFFICIALS PLEASED WITH CROP OUTLOOK

President J. D. Farrell and Vice-President, J. P. O'Brien of the O. W. R. & N. Co., Visit Morrow County Wheat Fields.

"One good farmer in this county imparts all the poor ones", said President Farrell of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Co. after inspecting the wheat fields of Morrow county. Mr. Farrell was more than pleased with the conditions as he found them in Morrow county, he was jubilant. The poorest crops this year are good, but the better ones are the result of better farming methods and Mr. Farrell, who is a practical farmer was not slow in recognizing that fact. His visit here took him through the principal farming sections of the county, in company with Vice-President J. P. O'Brien, "Farmer" C. L. Smith and J. B. Huddleston, the local agent.

Although this is the first visit of the head officials to this immediate section, it must have been gratifying to them to find that the farmers here have taken up or are following to a large extent, the better methods which the O. W. R. & N. Co. through their demonstration trains have been advocating.

President Farrell expressed his regret that he did not get to meet more of the farmers and business men at this time; but this visit gives promise of more frequent trips into this county in the near future. He was interested in learning more particularly of the farmer's methods here and especially the conditions under which the wheat is transported to the railroad. This applies to the Eight Mile section, where farmers are forced to make a longer haul than in any other wheat sections of the county.

J. P. O'Brien who is a railroad man through and through, made his first visit to our farming section in the 23 years that he has lived in Oregon. He liked it so well that he has decided to come again. Mr. O'Brien compared the wheat fields of Morrow county with those of the Walla Walla and Palouse countries and announced that we have better crops here this year than the upper country.

DE MOSS ENTERTAINERS PLEASE

The DeMoss Entertainers appeared before a medium-sized audience at the Christian church last evening and presented their very pleasing musical entertainment. The first number on the program was an orchestra selection in which the two boys, Elbert and Homer, appeared to a good advantage. Elbert plays the violin and his execution is worthy of a much older performer, while Homer produces music of an extraordinary quality on the flute. Following the orchestra selection came a stringed instrument number, a reading by Miss Bonnie Olson, and a violin solo by Master Elbert. All of these were highly appreciated and each one called for an encore. The novel male quartet, consisting of the two elder De Moss and the two boys was excellent, and although the boys' voices showed lack of development, their singing revealed their thorough knowledge of music. In their duet, the two boys caused quite a bit of amusement. This was a song representing a school master and his pupil and the pupil had much trouble in learning his abc's.

On the whole, the entertainment was fine and worthy of a much better house than the one which greeted them last evening. Before the closing number, Henry DeMoss gave a short talk in which he recounted a little of the history of the DeMoss musical family. This family has been engaged in the entertainment business 43 years and the two boys, Elbert and Homer, are the third generation to appear upon the stage. Mr. DeMoss said the original company gave an entertainment in Heppner 15 years ago, and he and his brother recognized some people in the audience who attended their entertainment at that time.

Card of Thanks.
We desire to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our good friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us during our recent bereavement. We also want to thank you for the beautiful floral offerings.
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schwarz.

"OVAL DIAMOND" IS FEATURE AT THE STAR

Crook plays have an indefinable charm for most of us, particularly where the detective who solves the mystery is an amateur and is also in love with the girl who is the victim of the conspirators. There are various types of crook plays, but the one in which a valuable gem is the motive for the crime committed is always sure to be replete with thrills. There is nothing quite so exciting as the search for the gem with its frequent changes of ownership.

Seldom has this plot been so well utilized and never more thrillingly presented than in the Mutual Master picture, De Luxe Edition, "The Oval Diamond," a five part detective drama, produced by Thanhouser, which will appear at the Star theatre on Sunday, August 13.

The gripping story tells of the adventures of Sylvia Grant, daughter of a South African miner, who has been robbed of a rare diamond of inestimable value. She is held prisoner by an unscrupulous uncle and his son in a large house surrounded by a high wall. She is closely guarded there she might not escape. Sylvia is seen from the window of an adjoining house by Robert Ledyard, wealthy young man of romantic inclinations.

He learns her story and promises to recover the diamond and aid her in getting away from her unpleasant surroundings. He manages to get into the house and discovers the place where the diamond is hidden. The uncle has four miners in his employ who see Robert in the house and he is forced to flee. The hiding place of the diamond is again changed and then begins one of the most startling series of adventures ever seen in a film production. The quest



Harris Gordon, Star in "The Oval Diamond," Thanhouser-Mutual Master picture.

of the stone becomes one of constant change and new dangers are added at each new hiding place. Sylvia gives Robert all the assistance possible and in the end he is rewarded with her love and the complete possession of the diamond which caused all the grief.

"The Oval Diamond" is an original and gripping photoplay replete with dangerous situations and scenes which will thrill the most blasé picture fan. Harris Gordon is featured in this strong drama and has a role which gives him wide scope and which he portrays with infinite skill. Barbara Gilroy plays "Sylvia," a charming role with finesse and a complete understanding of the intricacies

OREGON FARMERS TO REAP BIG YIELD

O. P. Hoff, State Labor Commissioner, Estimates Combined Percentage of All Yields.

Salem, Ore., Aug. 8.—Oregon farmers this year will reap a profit of \$30,181,720 from nine principal products, according to estimates compiled today by O. P. Hoff, state labor commissioner. The crop of wheat, corn, oats, barley, potatoes and apples will each exceed \$1,000,000 in value.

The percentage of combined condition of all crops during July, based on a 10-year average, was 94.3.

The biggest item in Oregon's enormous harvest this year, based on crop conditions August 1, will show a yield of 11,781,000 bushels of winter and 4,000,000 bushels of spring, or a total of 15,781,000 bushels of wheat.

Commissioner Hoff's estimates indicate that the state's winter wheat crop is 86 per cent of the average for 10 years, while the spring wheat crop is 86.2 per cent. The estimated value of the entire wheat crop of the state at the farm on August 1 was 83 cents a bushel, or a total of \$12,097,230. The stock of wheat now held on Oregon farms is placed at 783,000 bushels.

The State Bureau of Labor statistics forecasts an oats yield of 13,200,000 bushels, worth \$5,412,000 to the Oregon farmer at 41 cents a bushel. The crop is 90.3 per cent of normal. With 50,500 acres planted to potatoes this year and the crop 92 per cent of normal, a yield of 6,250,000 bushels is forecasted. At 80 cents a bushel this crop will have a value of \$5,000,000.

The state's apple crop will total 5,216,000 boxes of a value of \$3,216,000. The yield is 72 per cent of a 10-year average.

Barley will bring \$2,447,500 to the farmers, it is estimated, with a crop outlook of 4,500,000 bushels.

This year Oregon has 41,000 acres planted to corn, with a prospective yield of 86 per cent of normal.

Commissioner Hoff estimates that 1,200,000 bushels will be raised, netting the producers \$1,088,000.

Although the yield of pears is but 68 per cent of average for 10 years, because of unfavorable climatic conditions this year, the estimated crop is 510,000 bushels, worth \$510,000. The rye crop, estimated at 91 per cent will total approximately 418,000 bushels, valued at \$418,000.

Because of recent rains the hay crop, it is estimated, will run only about 2.1 tons an acre, 88 per cent of the ten-year average.

The peach crop this season is forecasted at 272,000 bushels, 59 per cent of normal, and valued at \$272,000.

The grape yield is placed at 80 per cent and the blackberry and loganberry output at 94 per cent of the average for 10 years. The condition of truck crops for canning purposes on August 1, is placed as follows: Snap beans, 80 per cent; cabbage, 91 per cent; sweet corn, 71 per cent; cucumbers, 68 per cent; peas, 90 per cent; tomatoes, 76 per cent.

On August 1, the estimated value at the Oregon farm of the state's main products Commissioner Hoff places as follows: Corn, 84 cents a bushel; wheat, 83 cents; oats, 41 cents; barley, 55 cents; rye, \$1; onions, \$1.20; clover seed, \$12; timothy seed, \$4.73; alfalfa seed, \$13.37; beans, (dry) \$5.27; butter, 27 cents a pound; eggs, 23 cents a dozen; chicken, 11 cents a pound; hogs, \$7.50 per cwt.; beef cattle, \$6.92 per cwt.; milk cows, \$70.75 per head; sheep, \$6.25 per cwt.; horses, \$80.50 per head; lambs, \$7.25 per cwt.; calves, \$8.95 per cwt.

DRY CONDITIONS HAVE HELPED STATE

Echos From the "Billy" Sunday "Booze Sermon".

Portland, Ore., Tuesday, Aug. 8.—When, before 10,000 people (including Governor James Withycombe and most of the state officials and many legislative and county officials, and business and social leaders with every county of Oregon represented) "Billy" Sunday opened the dry 315-x-NO campaign against the amendment opening the breweries for the manufacture, sale and delivery of beer in Oregon.

"Since the state went dry, the total arrests in Portland have decreased 41 per cent; drunk arrests 77 per cent; disorderly conduct 36 per cent; vagrancy 56 per cent. Admission to the Oregon penitentiary decreased 42 per cent. There have been 44 less admissions to the Multnomah Co. Poor Farm. In Portland, fire alarms were cut in two, and Pisgah Home rescue mission has closed because not an inmate was left nor an application pending. 35 policemen of Portland were dropped and more could be, though the city has increased 25% in area. The 5-cent eating houses have quit business because the 'bos' are patrolling the 25-cent restaurants, and they have moved from the five- and ten-cent bed houses, demanding steam-heated rooms.

"Oregon bank deposits increased \$12,000,000; Portland bank deposits \$4,200,000, of which \$2,200,000 was in the savings banks, representing dry prosperity for the poor. Portland bank clearings gained \$12,000,000; \$6,000,000 of it last month. All this in spite of the consolidation of banks which would operate to cut down the amount of clearings.

"Dairies have increased business because the poor are buying milk. Laundry trade increased because the poor wives were able to send out the wash, and because the rich wives had to send out the wash. Grocers, butchers, bakers, drygoods and clothing merchants reported to the Progressive Business Men's Club an increase in business.

"Of 335 saloons in Portland in 1915, only 21 are vacant. Many saloon shacks and shanties have been replaced by substantial buildings rented at increased rents.

"The average annual consumption of liquor in America is 28.68 gallons, or 90 quarts per capita yearly. In Multnomah county this has been cut to about 3 quarts.

"The Internal Revenue office says that Oregon imported 70,000 barrels of beer last year, or more than ten times as much as we are now importing of all kinds of liquors put together. Oregon never made whiskey, brandy or wine, and only a third of the beer that she used. Four-fifths of her drink bill represented money that went out of the state when she had saloons.

Henry Bode, local tailor, and Arminda Sayles, until recently a domestic in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Matlock on Hinton creek, were married in this city Monday afternoon by J. P. Williams, city recorder. They will continue to make their home in this city.

H. Fred Tash, manager of the local Farmers' Union Warehouse, has returned from Portland, where he was a delegate from Doric Lodge No. 20, to the grand lodge convention of the Knights of Pythias.

O. A. C. AGENTS STIM- ULATE CLUB WORKERS

Prof. L. J. Allen and Miss Helen Cowgill of the Agricultural College, accompanied by Miss Opal Briggs and Supt. Notson, visited the school in District No. 59, on Monday of last week. An interesting meeting was held in the afternoon, and the industrial club work was explained fully. Those who are working on the projects were encouraged to go ahead. Some of the mothers of the pupils were present.

In the evening, a meeting was held at Hardman. There was an excellent attendance, and the interest was fine. Miss Cowgill discussed the sewing and canning work.

On Tuesday, Miss Cowgill met some of the girls of the club at Heppner, and Prof. Allen visited several gardens and held a meeting with the boys in the afternoon. In the evening, Miss Cowgill gave a canning demonstration at the high school auditorium. There was a fair number present.

On Wednesday, Miss Cowgill and Supt. Notson went to Lexington, where a canning demonstration was given in the presence of about thirty-five. This served as a sort of dedication of the new domestic science department of the Lexington school. In the evening, a meeting was held at Ione, and Miss Cowgill again gave a canning demonstration. The crowd was small, owing to a misunderstanding in regard to the change in date. Miss Cowgill explained to the people at all the meetings that the Agricultural College is ready to furnish bulletins treating of the canning work and almost any other subject people may desire to know about. So, if you need anything pertaining to sewing, baking, gardening, dealing with pests or other subjects, write to the college, and they will help you.

Prof. Allen and Miss Cowgill both expressed themselves as well pleased with the interest manifested in the club work in this county. While there are many disadvantages to be overcome here, the pupils seem ready to grapple with them. Supt. Notson was very glad to have the assistance of these workers from the college.

MAN SERIOUSLY INJURED

A broken arm and a fractured skull, beside minor injuries, resulted to Clay Phillips, a member of the section crew on the local branch of the O.W. R. & N. Co., yesterday evening, when the speeder on which the crew was riding, was derailed.

The accident was caused by a crow-bar dropping from the speeder onto the track under the front wheels. The speeder was going at high speed and flew the track when it ran over the crow-bar. Three or four of the men were thrown from the car and received severe bruises, but Phillips received the most severe injuries.

Dr. Allison was called to attend the unfortunate man, and Phillips was sent to the railroad hospital in Portland this morning, where he will be cared for by the company.

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ATTORNEYS DID NOT EARN THEIR FEES

Oregon Congressman Tells How Bill for Relief of the Sherman County Settlers Was Passed By Congress.

Portland Journal.

Washington, Aug. 6.—Congressman Sinnott, greatly pleased by the passage of his bill appropriating \$94,000 for the relief of settlers of Sherman county, Or., who were dispossessed by the Eastern Oregon Land company, is strongly of the opinion that attorneys claiming fees for services in securing passage of the bill are entitled to nothing on that account.

Samuel Herrick, a Washington attorney, has contracts with a number of the claimants, providing that he is to receive 20 per cent of the sum realized for presenting their case to congress. The bill provides that not more than 5 per cent shall be paid on account of such claims, and Mr. Sinnott says Herrick is not entitled to that.

"Herrick was of no assistance at all in securing passage of this bill," says the Oregon Congressman. "He was rather a detriment than a help."

"When I came to Washington I went into this matter fully to determine why it was that this legislation had not made headway. I found that bills before congress, which Herrick had prepared, failed to distinguish between good claimants and those who admittedly had no claim, although a report of Special Agent T. B. Neuhausen detailing the merits of the different claims was available.

"Many of the items in the bills thus presented could not be defended, and the measure was consequently held up."

"In conversation with Herrick I learned that he had drafted the bill without reference to Neuhausen's comment on these claims. I then introduced the bill which has passed, in which I included meritorious claims which I thought could not be successfully attacked. This bill has passed through my efforts and the efforts of other members of the Oregon delegation. Herrick had nothing to do with it, and no one owes him anything for services, so far as I can see."

"I do not believe all the meritorious claims have been recognized in the bill we have passed, and intend to introduce another to pick up the stragglers."

The claims of the Sherman county settlers accrued through their entering upon lands granted to The Dalles Military Road company in 1867, which were declared forfeited by congress and opened under government authority. Subsequently the courts vested title in the eastern Oregon Land company, successor of the road company, and the settlers lost their land and improvements.

In 1904 Congress ordered the claims investigated, to ascertain who should be reimbursed. The senate twice passed bills for the relief of a much larger number of claimants than were included in the measure just passed, but these bills were held up in the house because of the doubtful character of many of the items. By sifting these down to such claims as were clearly supported by evidence at hand, Sinnott was able to obtain passage of the bill through the house, and the favorable vote of the senate sends it to the president for approval.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

People of Morrow county who want concessions at the Morrow County Fair should make their choice of location at once as outside concessionaires are asking for space daily, and it is the desire of the Board to give home people first choice where possible.
W. W. SMEAD, Secretary.

THE WEATHER

The following is the report of the weather for the past week as given us by Cooperative Observer Frank Gilliam:

Date	Temp.		Rainfall	Char. of Day
	Highest	Lowest		
2	83	45		Clear
3	78	49		Clear
4	77	45		Clear
5	81	49		Clear
6	79	51		Part Clear
7	81	52	.37	Part Clear
8	69	55		Clear



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